COTTON (1795-1930)

COTTON, a township, in the parish of Alveton, union of Cheadle, S. division of the hundred of Totmonslow, N. division of the county of Stafford, 5¼ miles (N. E.) from Cheadle; containing 519 inhabitants. It includes the hamlets of Upper and Lower Cotton, and comprises 2272 acres of land. Here is abundance of excellent limestone, of which extensive quarries are worked by the Trent and Mersey Canal Company. At Lower Cotton is a chapel dedicated to St. John the Baptist, built in 1795, at the expense of the late Thomas Gilbert, Esq., who partly endowed it, and left the payment of the repairs a charge upon his property. The living is a perpetual curacy; net income, £44; patron, Thomas Gilbert, Esq.; impropriator, John Bill, Esq. [A Topographical Dictionary of England (1848)]

Parish History

The curacy of **COTTON** was in 1795 formed from a part (-----) of **ALTON**.

In 1930 **COTTON** was combined with **OAKAMOOR** to become **OAKAMOOR-CUM-COTTON.**

Description of Church (St John the Baptist)

The church, at Lower Cotton, was built 1795 (largely at the expense of Thomas Gilbert of Cotton in Alton, Staffs Esquire 1720-1798) to designs by ARCHITECT and consecrated DATE.

Type of incumbent

Perpetual Curate 1795-1919

Patrons

Thomas Gilbert of Cotton in Alton, Staffs Esquire 1720-1798

Parish Registers

The register of St John the Baptist commences in 1795. The original registers are included in the registers of Alton parish deposited at Staffordshire Record Office. A transcript of the registers for the period 1795-1812 (Bapts) & 1795-1796 (Mar) is included in the transcript of the Alton registers published jointly in 2002 by the Staffordshire Parish Register Society and the Birmingham & Midland SGH. [GENUKI]

Bells

Special References

►**Thomas Gilbert c1762-1841** **1795-....**
b c1762 *son of Thomas Gilbert of Cotton in Alton, Staffs Esquire 1720-1798 and (his 1st wife) Ann dau of Richard Philips*

d 21 Jun 1841 Paris
(aged 19, matriculated from Brasenose, Oxford) 9 Nov 1781 [FOSTER]
(B.A., St Mary Hall, Oxford) 1794
(Stipendiary Curate, Ellesmere, Salop)
- (licensed) 27 Oct 1794
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 14 Jun 1795
(Perpetual Curate, Ellesmere/Cockshutt, Salop)
- (presented by Joseph Aldrich Cotton)
- (licensed) 15 Jun 1795
(Perpetual Curate, Cotton, Staffs) 4 Jul 1795-....
- (presented by his father Thomas Gilbert of Cotton in Alton, Staffs Esquire 1720-1798)
- (licensed) 4 Jul 1795
(M.A.) 1802
(then abroad, "son of builder & endower [of Cotton]") 16 Jul 1830

►Edward Whieldon 1787-1859 **1830-?1832**
b 22 Jul 1787 [IGI submitted] Fenton Hall *son of Thomas Whieldon of Hales Hall, Staffs Esquire and Sarah dau of John Turner*
m Mary dau of John Bill of Farley Hall, Staffs
d 22 Jul 1859 Bradley-in-the-Moors
(educated at Repton School, Derbys)
(admitted pensioner at Clare, Cambridge) 1 Jul 1806 [VENN]
(matriculated) Michs 1806
(B.A.) 1810
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 2 Sep 1810
(Stipendiary Curate, Trentham, Staffs) 2 Sep 1810
- (licenced) 2 Sep 1810
(Stipendiary Curate, Arley, Staffs) 2 Oct 1810
- (nominated) 20 Sep 1810
- (appointed) 2 Oct 1810
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 8 Sep 1811
(Rector, Burslem, Staffs) 1811-50
- (presented by Josiah Spode Esquire)
- (instituted) 20 Sep 1811
(M.A.) 1813
(Stipendiary Curate, Dowles, Worcs) 1818-24
(Perpetual Curate, Bradley-in-the-Moors, Staffs) 1825-d
- (presented by James Blair gentleman & Stanley Pipe Wolferstan Esquire)
- (licenced) 12 Feb 1825
(?Perpetual Curate, Cotton, Staffs) 16 Jul 1830-?a3 Jan 1832
- (in office) 16 Jul 1830
(of Hales Hall)
(author, sermons)
[SIMMS]
chn: Edward Whieldon c 27 Sep 1824 ..... [SIMMS] **[SCD]**
John Bill Whieldon c 28 Dec 1825 Bradley-in-the-Moors; d 1888; (at Cambridge) 1845
Mary Louisa Whieldon c 13 Dec 1827 Bradley-in-the-Moors
Adela Sarah Whieldon c 5 Jun 1832 Bradley-in-the-Moors

►John Horatio Cotterill 1805-1833 **1832-1833**
b 2 Sep 1805; c 20 Feb 1807 Cannock *2nd son of Charles Cotterill of Cannock, Staffs and Harriot Ann (.....)*
d *aged 28* 30 Nov 1833 at "Fox Earth" (the house of his friend the C.S. Hassell clerk); M.I. (Oakamoor)
(admitted pensioner at Queens', Cambridge) 15 Mar 1824 [VENN]
(matriculated) Michs 1824
(B.A.) 1828
(ordained deacon by Norwich) 19 Oct 1828
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 18 Oct 1829
(Stipendiary Curate, Newcastle, Staffs)

- (licensed) 18 Oct 1829
(Stipendiary Curate, Alton, Staffs)
- (to be licensed) 16 Jul 1830
(?Perpetual Curate, Cotton, Staffs) 3 Jan 1832-d
- (licensed "to live at Alton") 3 Jan 1832
(Stipendiary Curate, in charge, Oakamoor, Staffs) ?1832-d
- (appointed) ?1832

Nov 30 [1833]. At the house of his friend the Rev. C. S. Hassell "Fox Earth", aged 28, the Rev. J. H. Cotterill, M.A. Minister of Cotton and Oakover[sic], Staffordshire. He was the second son of the late C. Cotterill, esq. of Cannock, and nephew to the late Rev. Thomas Cotterill, of Sheffield, who died Jan. 5, 1824. [GENT.MAG.1834]

►William Hendrickson c1798-1878 **1835-1854**
m Elena .....; (aged 59, b "Jamaca") 1851 C
d *aged 80* cMay 1878 Newcastle RD
(Perpetual Curate, Cotton, Staffs) 30 Jun 1835-1854
- (licenced) 30 Jun 1835
- (as Curate, signed the Terrier) 1 Sep 1836 & Aug 1845 & 11 Oct 1849
(Stipendiary Curate, in charge, Oakamoor, Staffs) 30 Jun 1835-1854
- (licenced, "Assigned the clear pew rents of the said chapel by the commissioners for building Churches) 30 Jun 1835
- (as Curate, signed the Terrier) 1 Sep 1836 & Aug 1845 & 11 Oct 1849
- (aged 40, of "The Croft", Cheadle clerk) 1841 C
- (aged 53, b ?Norris, of Croft House, Cheadle "Curate of Oakamoor") 1851 C
(Perpetual Curate, Chapel Chorlton, Staffs) 1854-d
- (admitted) 1854
- (in office) 1870
- (aged 73, b ?Levis, of "The Vicarage", Chorlton) 1871 C

►Moses Starratt c1794-1862 **1855-1862**
b c1794 Donegal, Ireland
m Bride -----; (aged 42, b Ireland) 1851 C
d cAug 1862 Cheadle RD
(aged 23, admitted pensioner under Mr Ewing to Trinity College, Dublin) 6 Nov 1815 [ALUMNI DUB]
(B.A.) Summer 1821
(M.A.) Nov 1832
(Stipendiary Curate, Alton, Staffs)
- (aged 57, b Ireland, of Alton "Curate of Alton") 1851 C
(Master, Alton Private School, Staffs)
- (of Alton Curate and "Private Academy") 1851 [WHITE]
(Perpetual Curate, Cotton, Staffs)
- (in office) 1855-62 [HUTCHINSON (1893) 42]
- (aged 66, b Ireland, of Alton "Perpetual Curate of Cotton") 1861 C
chn: Frances "Fanny" Starratt (aged 19, b Ireland "receiving instruction") 1861 C
Olivia Jane Starratt (aged 17, b Alton "receiving instruction") 1861 C

►William Fraser c1824-1877 **1858-1877**
b c1824 *1st son of William Fraser (Vicar of Southwark St George, Surrey)*
d 26 Nov 1877 Alton
(aged 17, matriculated from Worcester College, Oxford) 9 Jan 1841 [FOSTER]
(B.A.) 1845
(M.A. & B.C.L.) 1848
(D.C.L.) 1861
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1848
(Stipendiary Curate, Uttoxeter, Staffs) 1848-50
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1849
(Stipendiary Curate, Hordley, Salop) 1850-1
(Stipendiary Curate, Tor-Mohun) 1851-3

(Stipendiary Curate, Alton, Staffs) 1853-8
(Vicar, Alton, Staffs) 1858-d
- (presented by Henry John Chetwynd-Talbot 18th Earl of Shrewsbury 1803-1868)
(Perpetual Curate, Cotton, Staffs) 1862-d
(Domestic Chaplain to the Earl of Shrewsbury)
(Proctor in convocation, Lichfield) 1865 1868 1874
(author, religious works)
[SIMMS*]

[? Possibly served with Alton] **1877-1905**

►**Charles Bradburn Pimblett c1866-....** **1905-....**
b c1866 *1st son of James Pimblett of Burton-upon-Trent, Staffs clerk*
(aged 18, matriculated from Wadham College, Oxford) 19 Jan 1884 [FOSTER]
(exhibitioner, Queen's College, Oxford) 1884
(B.A.) 1887
(M.A.)
(ordained deacon by Manchester) 1889
(Stipendiary Curate, Oldham St James, Lancs) 1889-91
(ordained priest by Manchester) 1890
(Stipendiary Curate, Hadley, Salop) 1891-4
(Stipendiary Curate, Yoxall, Staffs) 1894-5
(Stipendiary Curate, West Bromwich -----, Staffs) 1895-1903
(Stipendiary Curate, Walsall St Matthew, Staffs) 1903-5
(Vicar, Alton, Staffs) 1905-....
(Perpetual Curate, Cotton, Staffs) 1905-....

►**Arthur Wellesley Greeves 1865-1919** **1917-1918**
b cAug 1865 Bradford RD
m1 Elizabeth Maria .....; d *aged 43* 10 Feb 1901
m2 Florence .....
d *aged 53* 21 Mar 1919
(at King's College, London)
(ordained deacon by London) 1895
(Stipendiary Curate, West-Green Christ Church, Tottenham, London N) 1895-7
(ordained priest by London) 1896
(Vicar, Foxt-cum-Whiston, Staffs) 1897-1906
- (aged 35, b Bradford, Yorks, of Ipstones, "Clergyman (Church of England") 1901 C
(Vicar, Oakamoor, Staffs) 1906-15
(Perpetual Curate, Cotton, Staffs) 1917-8
chn: Arthur Frederick Wellesley Greeves b c1891; d aged 26 20 Sep 1917
Alfred J. Greeves b c1892
John Wellesley Greeves b c1893; d aged 25 1 Jul 1917
Helena Maria Greeves d aged 4m 22 Apr 1901

(Foxt) Elizabeth Maria Greeves, wife of Reverend | A Wesley[?] Greeves, 10 Feb 1901 aged 43 | Helena Maria, only daughter, 22 April 1901, aged 4 months | Arthur Frederick Wesley Greeves, | 2nd Lt North Staffordshire Regt | killed in action, 20 Sept 1917, aged 26 | John Wesley Greeves, h, | killed in action, 1 July 1917, aged 25 Arthur Wesley Greeves, husband of Florence, | 21 March 1919, aged 53 | He was the first Vicar of Foxt, 1897 - 190? | Vicar of Oakamoor, 190? - 1915 | Vicar of Cotton, 1917-1918

►**Albert Ernest Dudley ?1889-....** **1919-1930**
[? b cMay 1889 St Neots RD]
(at Oxford)
(B.A.) 1901
(at Ely Theological College) 1902
(ordained deacon by London) 1903
(Stipendiary Curate, Chiswick, Middx) 1903-6

(ordained priest by London) 1904
(M.A.) 1906
(Chaplain, Denstone College, Staffs) 1906-12
(Stipendiary Curate, Clewer St Stephen, ?Berks) 1912-3
(Stipendiary Curate, Leamington Priors, in charge, St Alban, Warwicks) 1913-9
(Vicar, Oakamoor, Staffs) 1919-?1930
(Perpetual Curate, Cotton, Staffs) 1919-?1930
(Vicar, Clewer St Stephen, Windsor, Oxon) 1930

Assistant Clergy

Hugh Bennett (P.C. of Marchington & Newborough, Staffs) 1772-1860 1805
c 18 Mar 1772 Bromsgrove, Worcs *son of John Bennett clerk and Mary (-----)*
m 1 Mar 1813 Marchington: Mary Mousley; b c1791
d 1860 [? Great Budworth, Cheshire]
(aged 18, matriculated from Worcester, Oxford) 26 Jun 1790 [FOSTER]
(B.A.) 1794
(ordained deacon by Oxford) 31 May 1795
(ordained priest by Oxford, to title of Fellow of Worcester) 22 May 1796
(M.A.) 1797
(Vicar, Elmley Castle, Staffs) 1800-d
(Stipendiary Curate, Cotton, Staffs) 29 Jul 1805
- (licensed) 29 Jul 1805
(Stipendiary Curate, Waterfall, Staffs)
- (said to be in office) 1808-9 [INTERNET UNSOURCED]
(Perpetual Curate, Marchington & Newborough, Staffs) 4 Feb 1809-d
- (licenced) 4 Feb 1809
- (presented by Hugh Bailye 1761-1833 ?*qua* Vicar of Hanbury)
- (in office, but resident at Marchington) 6 Jul 1830
- (aged 65-9, of "Vicarage" Marchington "clergyman") 1841 C
- (aged 79, b Bromsgrove, of Jack Lane, Marchington "Perpetual Curate of Marchington") 1851 C

chn: John Bennett c 17 Jan 1814 Marchington
Thomas Bennett c 17 Sep 1815 Marchington
Hugh Bennett [3] c 20 Dec 1817 Marchington; (at Oxford) 1836; (Vicar, Elmley, Worcs) 1860-78; (Rector, Pirton-cum-Croome D'Abitot, Worcs) 1878-.... [SIMMS]
Isaac Mousley Bennett c 16 Aug 1819 Marchington
William Webb Bennett c 24 Jul 1821 Marchington
Mary Bennett c 24 Sep 1823 Marchington; (aged 15-9) 1841 C
Rachel Latitia Bennett c 31 Mar 1826 Marchington; (aged 25, b Marchington) 1851 C

1881–2 ; rect., from 1881, of Ditchingham (Bungay), Norf.

Scudamore, John Walter, M.A. St. Peter's Coll. Cam. ; ɗ 1890, ꝑ 1891 (Lich.) ; cur. of St. George, Walsall, Staffs. 1890–2 ; Alton w. Cotton, Staffs. 1892–4 ; Wolstanton, Staffs. 1894–7 ; special service dioc. Truro 1898–1903 ; cur. of Calstock, Tavistock from 1903 : *Gunnislake, Tavistock.*

Scully, John, J. ; ɗ and ꝑ 1866 ; (R.C. Bp. of Kildare) ; inc. of New Glasgow, P.Q. Canada